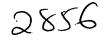
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In re the Application of

CARNAHAN et al.

Application No.: 09/665,767

Filed: September 20, 2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RAPID DETERMINATION OF

POLYMER MOLECULAR WEIGHT

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Non Fee Amendment Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

On October 21, 2002, Applicants filed a Supplemental Amendment responsive to the June 25, 2002 Final Rejection, a Request for Continued Examination having been previously filed. This AMENDMENT is responsive to the October 21 Office Action issued the same day as Applicants' Supplemental Amendment filing. In response to the October 21 Office Action, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claim 10 as follows:

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The method of claim 1, wherein the minimally dispersive separation yields a high molecular weight fraction substantially free of monomers and polymerization catalysts.

Please cancel claims 9 and 32 without prejudice or disclaimer.